

## TRIED TO RUN BLUFF

A PRETTY CLEVER FORGER WAS SUCCESSFULLY RUN DOWN YESTERDAY.

Other cities may have bold and slippery crooks, but from the reports heard, Fairmont must have one of the nerviest of them all. Many a time has a man stolen money, many a time has one man forged another's name. We have an individual who seems to have done more. After forging a man's name to a check, he wanted to have the real owner of the money in the bank arrested because that man saw fit to draw out a few dollars.

Albert Graves works and lives at Highland, and has succeeded in saving a few dollars which he deposited in the First National Bank, of Fairmont. Some days ago he lost his bank book. Yesterday morning he came to the bank, made out a check and drew \$10. Assistant Cashier Glenn Barnes handed him the money. Yesterday afternoon a man who proved to be Gene Ellis, came into the bank and wanted to draw out \$10. Mr. Barnes filled out the check and the man signed it "Albert Graves," in a handwriting similar to that of the other man. Mr. Barnes immediately saw that something was wrong, and told him that another person was drawing money on the same name. Upon being told what sort of a looking man it was, Ellis said: "Yes, that's my brother, Charley Graves." He went on to say that he lived at Middleton, and said that he could not stand any such work. He then left, and Mr. Barnes went forthwith to the office of Justice Bennington and had a warrant issued for Charley Graves.

Then he and Constable Jones went to Middleton to find the man. No such person could be found. They learned that Albert Graves lived at Highland, but he could not be located. They then came back to Traction Park, where Mr. Barnes saw the first man who came into the bank, supposed to be Charley Graves. Constable Jones began talking to him and found that he was Albert Graves. The officer informed him what had taken place and he said that some one had stolen his bank book and that, from the description given, the man was Gene Ellis. The three men came to Monongah, but could not find Ellis. Word was sent to the local police to look out for him, and Graves came to this city to help look for him. Last evening Graves met Ellis on the suspension bridge and passed on to the other side, where he informed Officer Fortney, who placed the man under arrest. He was taken to the city lock-up and later to the county jail.

It seems that Ellis had possession of Graves' bank book and was using his money. Several days ago a check for \$30 came in supposed to have been forged by Ellis, and if the two men had not come in on the same day, he may not have been caught for some time yet. Ellis was drinking yesterday and so stayed in the city. He is the husband of Teen Ellis, who figured prominently in the "Shagtown" mystery before Justice Bennington Thursday.

This morning Ellis was brought before Justice Bennington for a hearing. He admitted his guilt of forging the two checks and he was held for the grand jury. His bond was fixed at \$700 in default of which he was sent back to jail.

### GREATER FAIRMONT BAND.

The Greater Fairmont Band will render the following program this evening at the band stand on Main street:

- No. 1. March—Forest Queen. By Day.
- No. 2. Chorus, from Ernani. By Verdi.
- No. 3. March—Westmount Cadets. By Wood.
- No. 4. Euphonium Solo Corea. By Dalby.
- (J. E. Fortner.)
- No. 5. March—Fats and Leans. By MacArthur.
- No. 6. Waltzes, Janice Meredith. By Gustin.
- No. 7. Overture—Miltum in Parvo. Woods.
- No. 8. March—Garland. By M. M. Snyder.

We are giving 10 per cent. off on water coolers and filters. J. L. Hall's hardware store.

## FAIRMONT MERCHANTS

E. C. STEMPLE IS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A FARMER BOY BECOMING A HUSTLING STOREKEEPER.

E. C. Stemple was born and spent his early days on a farm near Aurora, Preston county. He received his first experience in the mercantile business as a clerk in the store of S. McCrum & Son, at Aurora. Later he clerked in a branch store for the same firm at Gorman. Following this he served in the store of S. L. Allen & Son, of Grafton.

In 1896 Mr. Stemple came to this city as a clerk for J. H. Beckman. The latter soon realized his value and, a few months later, he was made a member of the firm of J. H. Beckman & Company, remaining a member of this firm until the year 1903.

On March 1, 1903, Mr. Stemple became the owner of the business now run by him at the corner of Main and Monroe streets, formerly the Bee Hive, owned by F. M. Wilson. He has managed his business well and now commands one of the largest trades in dry goods, notions, ladies' furnishings and millinery in this city. This place is very popular with the customers whose interests, as well as those of the business, are looked after by a most accommodating clerical force composed of Mrs. Daisy O. Randall, Misses Cora Wheeler, Harriette Pitzer and Besse, Matilda and Grace Rankin.

## RESOLUTIONS

Adopted By Showalter Tent 7, Knights of the Maccabees.

Whereas, On July the 18th instant, the angel of death visited our order and removed therefrom one of our esteemed and highly respected Sir Knights, Mr. M. C. Brant, thus leaving a vacancy in our ranks which will not be filled, and while our Sir Knight's death was not unexpected, yet it cast a gloom over our entire community. Nor was our Sir Knight's condition unknown to himself, for long before his illness his faith and trust was in his Master whom he lived to serve and trust.

Sir Knight Brant's relations relative to our order were short; but during this time he had endeared himself to many, who only knew him but to like him. Whereas, It having pleased the Ruler of the universe to remove from us our Sir Knight, M. C. Brant, therefore, as a mark of esteem and a tribute of gratitude to his memory, be it Resolved, That while we deeply deplore the loss of our Sir Knight, we humbly bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well, knowing, as our Sir Knight knew, that all sickness and suffering would cease. Therefore be it

Resolved, That we do sincerely sympathize with the bereaved widow and those of her household in this their great loss, and would commend them to Him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records of Showalter Tent 7, K. O. T. M., a copy forwarded to the bereaved family and a copy published in the city newspapers. Also that our charter be draped for a period of sixty days.

(Signed)

O. E. McMILLAN,  
G. E. HOLDREN,  
E. B. HARDEN.

### WEEKLY BANK STATEMENT.

The Largest Excess Over Legal Requirements in Ten Years.

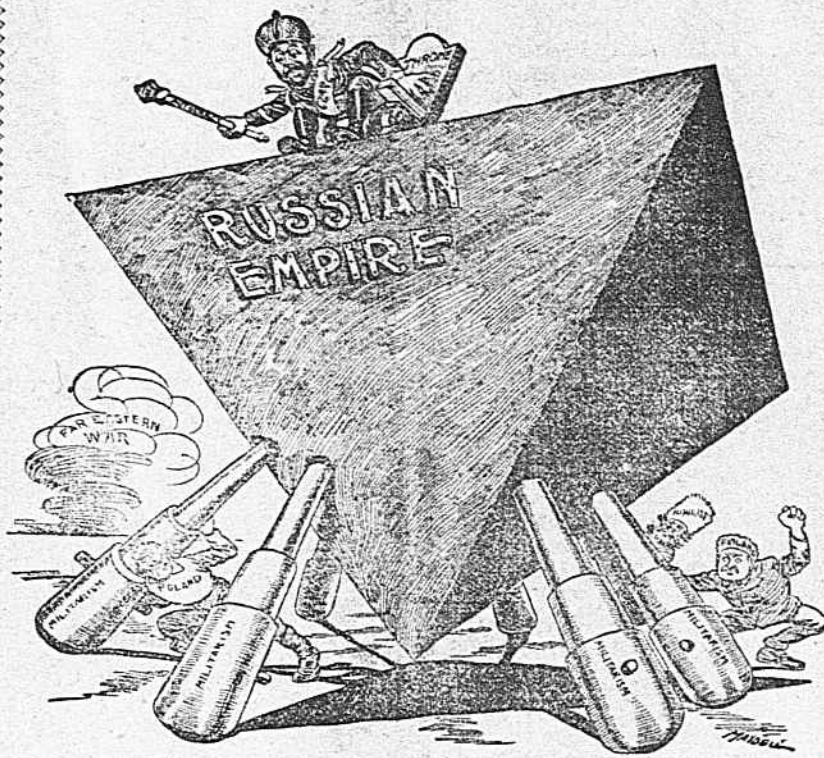
NEW YORK, July 30.—The weekly statement of the associated banks, issued to-day, shows the following changes:

Reserve on all deposits, increase, \$5,380,000.  
Reserve on deposits other than U. S. Ins., \$5,382,625.  
Loans, decrease, \$2,411,100.  
Specie, increase, \$5,227,500.  
Legal tender increase, \$1,033,100.  
Deposits increase, \$3,522,400.  
Circulation decrease, \$165,700.  
Total loans, \$1,099,377,100.

The banks now hold in excess of legal requirements \$55,989,600, the largest in over 10 years, and compares with \$24,060,075 at this time last year and \$13,738,125 two years ago.

See the pictures of Fairmont to-night, free. Opposite Peoples' Bank.

SHAKY.



## THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT IS DEAD

DEMOCRATS KILLED IT AND WILL HAVE TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY—CALDWELL MAKES GREAT SPEECH IN SENATE.

(Special to West Virginian.)

By M. P. Shawkey.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., July 30.—Both Houses worked full time to-day and a number of bills were advanced one day on the calendar.

The feature of the day was Caldwell's two hours' speech, exposing the cant and inconsistency of the Democracy and eulogizing the work of the Republicans of West Virginia. His tributes to Senator Charles W. Swisher and Hon. T. C. Miller, were roundly applauded by the Senate and the crowd of visitors.

Senator Elkins attended the sessions and his pleasure at the work being accomplished was ill-concealed.

Democrats Did It.

The Democratic members of this Legislature, true to their party record of making mistakes at critical periods, defeated the constitutional amendment yesterday, which, if adopted, would have resulted in the removal of all State taxes. Jealous of the good record of the Republican party in this State, and to prevent the adding of one more chapter to its many achievements, they declined to assist the Republican members of the House in passing this constitutional amendment.

The amendment was voted on in the House yesterday afternoon and all the Republican votes, 53 in number, were cast in favor of adoption. The present a constitutional amendment to the people it requires a two-thirds vote of all the members elected to the Legislature. As 86 is this total number 53 would be necessary for a two-thirds vote. The Republicans in the House therefore lacked five votes to pass the amendment.

They begged the Democratic members for these votes so necessary, but a deaf ear met their requests. Twenty Democrats voted against the adoption of the constitutional amendment, four of their number declined to vote, and twelve members were absent. After the vote was taken, on motion of Judge Reynolds the announcement of the same was deferred until Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, in the hopes that enough of the Democrats' contingent would see the folly of their way and change their minds over night.

It is a foregone conclusion, however, that this will not be the case, and that through the action of the united Democracy at Charleston this much-talked-of constitutional amendment is dead.

By the failure of the adoption of the constitutional amendment the State taxes for the year 1907 and thereafter until otherwise provided will be nine cents on every \$100 valuation thereof for general State purposes and four cents on every \$100 valuation for the support of free schools.

Through the short-sightedness of the legislative representatives of the Democratic party of this State, 13

cents—unlucky 13—will be the burden of State taxes that will have to be shouldered by the taxpayers of West Virginia commencing with the year 1907—truly a millstone that will for years to come keep the Democratic party of this State in the eternal depths.

In the Senate the joint resolution providing for the adoption of the constitutional amendment was passed by a strict party vote, 22 yeas and 4 nays. 20 votes being only required for its adoption.

## FELL DOWN AGAIN

MORGANTOWN CARRIED OFF THE GAME YESTERDAY TO THE TUNE OF 6 TO 3.

The Fairmont team lost to Morgantown yesterday by a score of 6 to 3, yet outclassed their opponents in all departments except that of catching and umpiring.

The local management has been warned several times about the unfairness of Umpire Sutherland, yet he is permitted to officiate in every game. One of the local players stated this morning that the only kind of a square deal they received was when the two men were out and no one on bases.

As we have stated before, rotten umpiring has been known extensively in Fairmont this season, yet it has been ignorance instead of malice.

At that the locals would have taken the game, had a catcher been available. Captain Bero did the backstop work in the absence of a catcher, and as he is unfamiliar with the position, several runs were recorded that he was not directly responsible for.

Wharton, who caught for Piqua, Ohio, this season has been secured for the two games against Cumberland and Heath, who will catch regularly, will be here some time next week.

Morgantown.				
Bowman, 1	.....2	3	9	0
Maldon, 2	.....0	0	1	1
Groninger, p	.....0	0	0	4
Core, 1f	.....0	1	1	0
Phillips, s.s.	.....1	0	2	2
Phillips, s.s.	.....0	1	1	0
Cole, mf	.....1	2	4	0
Cowan, 3	.....0	1	3	2
Bailey, c	.....1	1	5	1
Curtis, rf	.....1	1	1	0
Totals	.....6	9	26	10

Fairmont.				
Bero, c	.....1	1	3	3
Adamson, 2	.....1	1	1	4
Conaway, 1	.....0	1	10	0
Gibbs, 1f	.....1	1	2	0
McDonald, s.s.	.....0	1	1	4
Fisher, 3	.....0	0	0	1
Bryson, rf	.....0	0	4	0
Vasbinder, mf	.....0	2	3	0
Blumming, p	.....0	1	0	2
Totals	.....3	8	24	11

Morgantown 22 2 0 1 0 0 1 0 6  
Fairmont 0 0 2 0 0 0 1 0 3

Jelly glasses, 20c per doz. Tin cans, 32c doz. J. L. Hall's hardware store.

## DARING HOLD-UP

MINE PAYMASTER ROBBED IN PENNSYLVANIA WHILE ON THE ROAD TO PAY HIS MEN.

ALTOONA, Pa., July 30.—P. F. Campbell, superintendent and paymaster of the Puritan Coal Mining Company at Puritan, Cambria county, and Chas. Hays, stable boy for the same company were held up on a public road a mile out of Portage at 10 o'clock this morning, shot in 25 places and robbed of \$2,965. They were taking to Puritan to pay the miners.

The three highwaymen escaped, but the whole mountain top is being scoured for them. Campbell and Hays in a buggy, drove from Puritan to Portage this morning and at 9 o'clock received the money in a bag from P. R. R. Station Master Hoover at that place. It came by express on an early train from an Altoona bank. With the money underneath the buggy seat, they started for Puritan. A mile out of Portage, at a turn in the road is a clump of trees. Reaching the turn, three men stepped from the woods and without a word of notice opened fire. One used a revolver, shoving it into Campbell's face, and fired. The ball struck Campbell in the neck. The other two highwaymen were armed with shot guns, loaded with bird and buckshot. They also fired on the two men in the buggy, both shots taking effect. The man with the revolver reached under the seat and snatched the bag of money, just as the horse ran away. Campbell and Hays were thrown out into the road and the horse continued on to the stable. Discharging two more loads of shot at the paymaster and his assistant, the robbers fled in the direction of Lloydell. Campbell got to his feet and walked toward Puritan. Meeting a farmer with a spring wagon, he told his story and was driven to Portage where he received surgical attendance and gave an alarm of the robbery. Poses were quickly organized and sent in all directions. The populace is terribly excited over the daring outrage and the robbers will not stand a ghost of a show of escaping alive if caught.

ALTOONA, PA., 3:30 P. M.—THREE MEN HAVE JUST BEEN CAPTURED; NO PARTICULARS GIVEN.

## TAGGART GOES WEST

HE HAS NOT YET ACQUIRED THE PARKER HABIT AND SAYS A FEW THINGS BEFORE STARTING.

NEW YORK, July 30.—Chairman Thomas Taggart left last night for his home at Indianapolis to attend the Democratic State convention at Indianapolis next Wednesday. Before going he said:

"I will announce the executive committee in Indianapolis before my return here next Thursday. The personnel is practically agreed upon."

"The executive committee will have headquarters in this city, and will take an active part in the campaign."

Marshal Field has gone to Europe and cannot serve on the executive committee. Neither will Senator Gorman be a member of the committee. James H. Eckles, of Chicago, will serve.

The Democratic Convention.

The Democratic district convention for Fairmont district met in the County Court room this afternoon, and after wrangling for half an hour as to how to select delegates to the State convention, suspended the order of business and proceeded to nominate district officers.

L. G. Bennington was nominated by acclamation for one of the justices of the peace, and then came an interim of several minutes, during which the convention tried to think of another victim for the sacrifice.

Finally George Lilly nominated J. Walter Barnes as the other candidate for justice of the peace. As Mr. Barnes has heard the state superintendent bee buzzing, he would have nothing to do with the office. E. E. Snodgrass was then nominated.

Two constables were nominated—L. C. Jones and George Lilly. It has been known for some time that Lilly wanted the nomination for sheriff and now the party thinks it has him sidetracked.

For board of education, J. E. McCoy was nominated for Fairmont independent, and Otis Martin for Fairmont district.

## PEOPLE WE ALL KNOW

BRIEF SKETCHES OF THE POPULAR EMPLOYES OF LOCAL STREET RAILWAY COMPANY.

Motorman A. G. Hall, of the Monongah line, is another of the old heads. He has been with these people over three years, the first four months of which were spent in the barns. He was employed on the line when the first cars were run out Locust avenue, and has been on the Monongah line since June 20, 1903.

Before his street car career he was employed by A. B. Koon as a marble cutter. He is a steady and reliable fellow.

K. O. Palmer.

K. O. Palmer, conductor on the city line, is one of the real gentlemen and affable men with the company.

Palmer has been in the service about fifteen months, has had car No. 13 ever since it has been in commission, and notwithstanding the superstition connected with this number, has never had the slightest mishap.

As evidence of his value to an employer and his "sticktoitiveness," he was with an engineering party in the employ of the Guffy interests in this county for over seven years, just prior to his connection with this corporation, and his former employers were genuinely sorry when he decided to leave.

## PLEHVE'S ASSASSINATION

BELIEF IN FRANCE THAT MINISTER'S DEATH WILL GREATLY WEAKEN THE POWERFUL WAR PARTY

PARIS, July 29.—The assassination of M. Plehve, the Russian Minister of the interior, caused considerable excitement here. The newspapers issued special editions giving details of the crime. President Loubet telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas expressing his condolences and French horror at the crime, and Foreign Minister Delcasse immediately drove to the Russian Embassy and had a long conference with the Charge d'Affaires.

The news of M. Von Plehve's assassination caused great regret and horror in official quarters, in which it is regarded as being a severe blow to Russia and an event of considerable international importance. The impression prevails in well informed circles that his death will greatly weaken the influence of the powerful war party favoring an aggressive policy in Manchuria, of which M. von Plehve, with Viceroy Alexieff, Grand Duke Alexander Mikhailovich, M. Bezobrazoff and General Wogack, was the most prominent member, thus possibly influencing the future course of events in the Far East.

Though public opinion is likely to suggest M. Witte as M. von Plehve's successor, well informed persons consider this to be improbable. M. Witte, it is said, might exercise a sort of temporary dictatorship, but it is regarded as more probable that if it is decided not to change the existing policy M. Gorimykin, who preceded the late M. Spitzguine as Minister of the Interior, will again be called to office. The fact that M. Von Plehve, who was notoriously autocratic, was assassinated shortly after manifesting liberal tendencies, especially regarding Hebrew questions, causes considerable comment here.

In the Intermediate Court.

Fannie Wallace McClead has entered suit in chancery against John W. McClead. Attorney Vincent represents the plaintiff.

Charles E. Gettings has entered suit in chancery against S. H. Kuhn et al. Attorney Vincent represents the plaintiff.

Letcher Jones is again a candidate for constable, an office he got four years ago under circumstances decidedly suspicious.

### THE WEATHER.

Showers Promised To-Morrow.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 30.—Forecast for West Virginia: Showers in western, fair in eastern portion; warmer to-night. Sunday, showers.